

State Elevates Correctional Professionals in Indiana

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Correctional Employees Week

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Indianapolis, Indiana (May 9, 2007) - More than 5,000 Indiana Department of Correction employees will receive a salary increase effective July 1. This is the first increase dedicated to the Department in 18 years. The money is included in the 2008-09 budget approved recently by the Indiana General Assembly. Governor Mitch Daniels proposed the increase for the Correction employees, which includes custody staff, case management staff and parole officers, in his budget proposal.

"Correctional workers are a dedicated and committed group who make sacrifices everyday to provide security and safety to Indiana's citizens. It's appropriate this announcement is made during a week when all Hoosiers should acknowledge a job well done," said Daniels.

The week of May 6 to May 12 is Correctional Employee Appreciation Week.

"I want to thank Governor Daniels for his vision, as well as his firm commitment and support for correctional employees statewide," said J. David Donahue, Correction Commissioner. "Furthermore, I want to thank all correctional employees for suiting up everyday to make Indiana a safer state. I truly appreciate the sustained commitment to public safety."

The salary increases apply to all custody positions, from correctional officer to majors, as well as parole agents parole supervisors and case management staff.

The department wants the compensation for correction workers in Indiana comparable to other jurisdictions throughout the Midwest," said Donahue. "This is a step in that direction."

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release centers. The department's homepage on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-Entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.

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